

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A digital image storage system for use with a digital camera having a memory, the digital image storage system comprising:

~~an adapter~~ a docking station on which the digital camera is to be ~~laid down~~ placed for ~~the purpose of~~ taking out digital images stored in the memory of the digital camera; and

a digital image storage located apart from the ~~adapter~~ docking station for communicating ~~therewith~~ with the docking station, wherein the digital image storage includes a ~~detector~~ controller that detects a signal from the ~~adapter~~, ~~a function unit that~~ docking station and causes the taking out of the digital images ~~in response to the signal~~ subsequent to receipt of the signal, and a storage medium that stores the taken out digital images.

2. (Currently Amended) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, wherein the ~~function unit is designed to take out~~ controller causes the taking out of all the digital images in the memory ~~in response to~~ subsequent to receipt of the signal.

3. (Currently Amended) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, wherein the ~~function unit is designed to carry out~~ controller causes the taking out of the digital images in order of the time when respective digital images were taken by the digital camera.

4. (Currently Amended) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, wherein ~~the digital camera includes a battery, and wherein the adapter~~ docking station is designed to charge ~~the~~ a battery of the digital camera when the digital camera is coupled with the ~~adapter~~ docking station.

5. (Currently Amended) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, wherein the signal is caused by the ~~laying down~~ placing of the digital camera on the ~~adapter~~ docking station.

6. (Currently Amended) A digital image storage for use with a digital camera having a memory, digital images in the memory being transmitted from the memory to the digital image storage by way of ~~an adapter~~ a docking station capable of being coupled with the digital camera, the digital image storage comprising:

~~————— a detector that detects a signal from the adapter;~~  
~~a function unit responsive to the detection of the detector to carry out a~~  
controller that detects a signal from the docking station and that causes the transmission of  
the digital images from the digital camera to the digital image storage subsequent to the  
detection of the signal; and

a memory that stores the transmitted digital images.

7. (Currently Amended) The digital image storage according to claim 6, wherein the ~~function unit is designed to take out~~ controller causes the taking-out of all the digital images in the memory ~~in response to~~ of the digital camera subsequent to receipt of the signal.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer program product ~~carried out in~~ executable by a controller of a digital image storage for use with a digital camera having a memory, digital images in the memory being transmitted from the memory to the digital image storage by way of ~~an adapter~~ a docking station capable of being coupled with the digital camera, the computer program product storing a program comprising instructions to cause the controller to perform the steps of:

detecting receipt of a signal from the ~~adapter~~ docking station;

~~carrying out in response to the signal from the detector causing the~~  
transmission of the digital images from the digital camera to the digital image storage  
subsequent to the detection of the receipt of the signal; and

storing the transmitted digital images in a memory of the digital image storage.

9. (Currently Amended) A digital image storage system for use with a digital camera having a memory, the digital image storage system comprising:

~~an adapter~~ a docking station on which the digital camera is to be ~~laid down~~  
placed for ~~the purpose of~~ taking out digital images stored in the memory of the digital camera;  
and

a digital image storage located apart from the ~~adapter~~ docking station for communicating ~~therewith~~ with the docking station, wherein the digital image storage includes a detector controller that detects a signal from the ~~adapter~~, ~~a function unit having docking station and that executes~~ a program for taking out the digital images from the memory of the digital camera, and a storage medium that stores the taken out digital images, the program being automatically started ~~in response to the signal detected by the detector~~ subsequent to detection of the signal.

10. (Currently Amended) A digital image storage system for use with a digital camera having a memory, the digital image storage system comprising:

~~an adapter~~ a docking station on which the digital camera is to be ~~laid down for the purpose of~~ placed for taking out digital images stored in the memory of the digital camera;  
and

a digital image storage located apart from the ~~adapter~~ docking station for communicating ~~therewith~~ with the docking station, wherein the digital image storage includes a detector controller that detects ~~the~~ a change of status of the ~~adapter~~, ~~a function unit that docking station and that~~ causes the taking out of the digital images ~~in response to the~~

~~detection of the detector~~ subsequent to the detection of the change in status, and a storage medium that stores the taken out digital images.

11. (New) The digital image storage system according to claim 1, wherein the docking station has a shape to fit a bottom of the digital camera.

12. (New) The digital image storage system according to claim 9, wherein the docking station has a shape to fit a bottom of the digital camera.

13. (New) The digital image storage system according to claim 10, wherein the docking station has a shape to fit a bottom of the digital camera.